

times very feeble, & is an object of much solicitude - I hope to receive them this afternoon, at the Hudson R.R., on their way to Newport, where my son has taken lodgings, with a view to trying the sea air. I accompany them, at their urgent request, but shall not make any stay if, as I allow myself to hope, Mrs C. should appear to be on the mend - I have heard nothing, whatever, from Boston, or Cambridge, & know not whether Mr. Loring has yet married. So I have not ventured to tender him my good wishes. The Muddogs met last week, at New Haven - Correy was there, & Maj. Leconte. I saw them both before they started, but not since. I do not know what Botanists they had - or could have - except Correy. Agassiz has been making himself enemies, in certain quarters, by his published views on the origin of origin of the human race. The wretched Webster is to be executed on the 30th. The papers say that it is rumored he has now made a second Confession, acknowledging premeditated murder, but this is not to

it was probable that it might go by the present conveyance (Xingara) but he was not quite sure. He said also that you would know where to apply for it, in London, at their Office - You will observe that I have sent you many duplicates, where I could - as I thought they would be acceptable to your friends, & I have also added a few things which I had, on hand, from Short & others.

Chapman's Cyperaceae are particularly rich & good, & you will see I have supplied you liberally. The Grapes are also pretty good. I have sent Chapman's (Wsp. names, in all cases, I hope the Britishers will respect them, as I fear Chapman will never himself publish his new things. Try to get an authentic bit of Kunth's Polypala bicolor (or at least 1 or 2 fls. & seeds) - You will see the plant, in Chapman's Collecⁿ, with which I wish it compared - I have discovered another error in the Flora, in this genus, which I should like to straighten out, in a paper - if the opportunity ever serves. Also, when you are amongst the bookshops, ask if they have

any add vols. of D.C. Prod. & make us mem. of such, with the price & shop. If I could make up my broken set, cheaply, I should like to do it, but will not trouble you with a list of the required volumes, at present, at least. By the way, my brother told me that your old publisher, Wiley, failed some 2 or 3 months ago - so you have done well in the change you made. I have but little news for you - Fanny & the girls are all well, but M^{rs} S. has been very feeble, all the summer, & I hear tho' I have not seen her, having refused many most kind invitations to Princeton. My brother is, as usual, M^{rs} Sam. C. was confined a fortnight ago, at her Mother-in-law's house, opposite West Point. The infant died shortly after its birth, but she, I hear, is doing well - I have seen very little of my own young folks, as they have been travelling all the summer, but, I am concerned to say that M^{rs} C. was taken suddenly & seriously ill, some 5 weeks ago, in Maryland, & tho' after 3 weeks detention, my son was enabled to get her to her brother's at Rokeby (near Barrytown) yet she con-